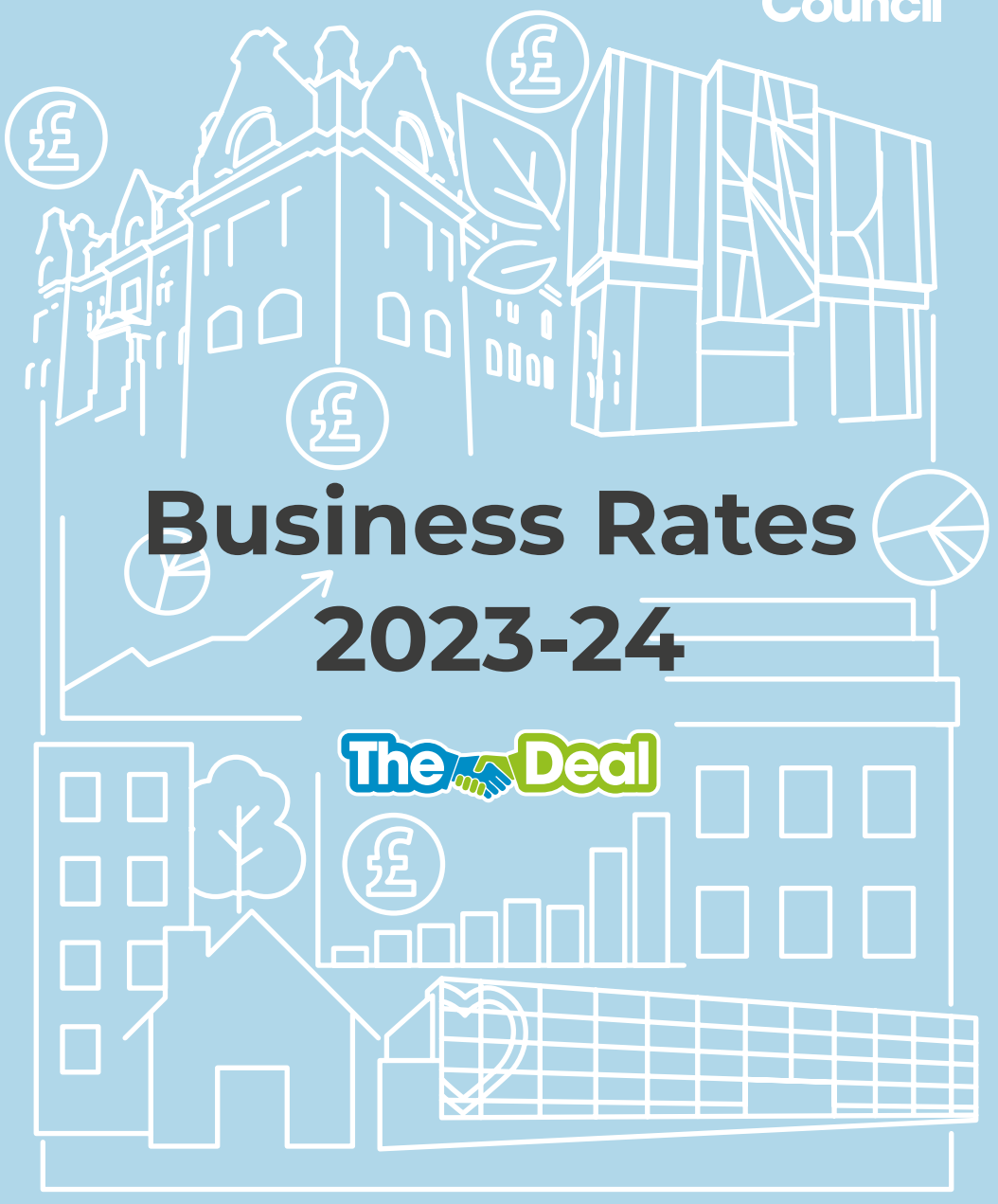


Business Rates 2023-24

The Deal



Foreword By The Leader Of Wigan Council



Welcome to all members of Wigan Borough's business community.

The start of the new municipal year provides us with both an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the previous 12 months and also look ahead to what is on the horizon for 2023/24.

The past year was a momentous one. We welcomed two major tournaments in the Rugby League World Cup and the UEFA Women's Euros, which saw our communities unite in celebration of our love of sport.

Their legacy programmes will continue to benefit us all for years to come and they have left us with lifelong memories.

In the last 12 months, our refreshed Deal for Business scheme has made significant progress and I would like to thank each member of the Business Consortium who have helped on this journey.

Members have told us that the partnership has helped them with their post-pandemic recovery plans and tackling the existing challenges they are now facing.

More details about the scheme are highlighted in the coming pages and an open invitation remains in place, to join the more than 300 members that have benefitted from the scheme. We're definitely excited to see what the second year will bring.

I would also like to mention the Believe in Business Festival, which has taken place this February. I am sure I will have seen many of you there and we hope it becomes an annual fixture in our schedule. Wigan Borough is characterised by the strength in its communities and our business networks are no different. As we look ahead to 2023/24, it is clear that we all – across both the public and private sectors – continue to face significant challenges.

The council, like our business community, is having to adapt to rising demands and the rolling impacts of the rising cost-of-living.

Although the previous few years have been difficult, reasons to be optimistic remain as we continue along our journey to building a local economy that works for all.

As outlined in our Community Wealth Building principles, working together we can collectively contribute to boosting our local supply chains, providing more diverse training and skills opportunities and supporting green economy initiatives.

And if you are not already involved, please take a look at our Spend, Support and Shop Local initiative.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside you all throughout 2023 and into 2024.



Councillor David Molyneux MBE
Leader of Wigan Council



Deal for Business celebrates anniversary with 300 members

Wigan Council is celebrating one year of the refreshed Deal for Business, a flagship scheme working in partnership with local firms.

More than 300 local enterprises have signed up to the revamped Deal in the past 12 months, representing 28 different sectors including construction, health and social care, retail and hospitality.

Councillor David Molyneux MBE, Leader of Wigan Council, said “The Deal for Business was originally launched in 2015, and we worked with the local Business Consortium to co-design this new offer to make sure it works for our local businesses.

“I’d like to say a huge thank you to the businesses that have worked with us over this past year. These are unprecedentedly difficult times for businesses, who are still recovering from the impact of the pandemic and now facing the cost-of-living crisis.

“The Deal for Business is a valued source of support and represents working together to do business in a way, that has a positive impact on our local community, creating a fairer

borough with opportunities for all.

“I am really looking forward to seeing what year two brings.”

Through the Deal, the council commits to connecting businesses with recruitment and training opportunities, helping with peer-to-peer support and hosting an online directory.

Members play their part by employing locally as much as possible and investing in local supply chains.

Gold, silver and bronze membership levels are awarded to each business and members are supported to connect with each other, and create strong relationships across the borough.

To sign up for the Deal for Business and to register your interest in becoming part of the Business Consortium please contact:

Email: business@wigan.gov.uk
Tel: 01942 489190

[www.wigan.gov.uk/
TheDealForBusiness](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/TheDealForBusiness)



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Local Businesses Celebrated at 2022 Good Trader Awards

Standout performers from Wigan Borough's business sector were recognised at an annual town hall celebration event.

A total of 38 local businesses were commended as part of the Good Traders Awards 2022 with six claiming the top titles.

Each category is judged using feedback from customers from the previous 12 months as part of the borough's Trading Standards Good Trader scheme.

Wigan Council's Good Trader Scheme was set up in 2008 to promote companies and individuals who are trusted and respected in their field of work and display their commitment to providing quality, value for money work to local people.

To find out more about the Good Trader Scheme visit:

www.wigan.gov.uk/goodtrader

The six Good Trader of the Year 2022 winners were:

- Good Trader of the Year, Wigan - Ferris Electrical
- Good Trader of the Year, Leigh - GJM School of Motoring
- Highly Commended Trader, Wigan - Standish Property Maintenance
- Highly Commended Trader, Leigh - Makerfield Roof Solutions
- Best Newcomer, Wigan - ACE Gas NW Ltd
- Best Newcomer, Leigh - Blitzed It UK





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Euros Legacy Statistics

In 2022, Wigan Borough was among the host venues for the UEFA Women's Euros.

Although the final whistle has been blown – with the Lionesses claiming

a historic title – the legacy of the tournament will provide benefits for years to come. Here is an initial snapshot of its impact so far.

Economic and social impact

£6.1m estimated boost to the local economy

21,536 total attendance at LSV

574,875 total attendance across the tournament

95 amazing volunteers

Playing, coaching and participation

360 extra girls playing football

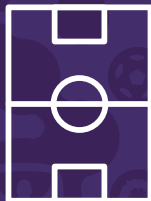
13 clubs are now taking part in womens & girls' football

2 Female Friendly Clubs created

24 Affiliated Female Clubs

27 new Female Coaches

13 new Female Referees



On the pitch An LSV goalfest

4 matches

15 goals

38 shots on target

15 yellow cards

0 red cards



Cultural and heritage programme

74 sessions held for participation or education

3,438 Local participants

22,949 audience/visits (inc fan parties)

18 community organisations involved in the programme

21 schools and Wigan & Leigh College students took part



Key Statistics

Here are some key figures on what we've delivered in the past 12 months:

1,027,603 visits to our Be Well leisure centres

Be Well

More than **300** local businesses have signed up to the Deal for Business in past 12 months, representing **28** different sectors

2,830 apprenticeship starts across the borough - the highest in three years

Over **2000** visits to our borough's network of warm welcoming spaces



£34m funding provided for the community and voluntary sector

£3.2m in payments to help people struggling with their rent, or supporting food parcels and free school meals

£12m spent on maintaining roads, improving footpaths and road safety



Council pledge to create **100** apprenticeship and graduate roles at the local authority by 2024 was met two years ahead of schedule

17 large events bringing **116,000** visitors to the borough's town centres

Additional **£750,000** of funding to tackle neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour

Created **17,000** hectares of species-rich grassland increasing biodiversity and natural habitats

The community recovery fund supported **311** projects totalling **£243,386**



Highlights from Our Town 2022

Building on the success of the Our Town programme in 2021, which delivered improvements to twelve district centres, Our Town returned in 2022.

Thirteen district centres were visited between April and October during Our Town 2022: Bryn, Douglas, Atherleigh, Astley Mosley Common, Wigan West, Wigan Central, Leigh East, Leigh West, Shevington, Hindley Green, Worsley Mesnes, Winstanley, and Leigh South.

These areas were spruced up with

8,000 square metres of pavements and pathways jet washed, and 3,000 metres of grass edged off to widen and neaten paths.

Forty tonnes of waste were removed, 28 'grot spots' were cleaned up, and all road markings, lighting columns and guard rails were repainted across the Our Town areas; ensuring they are looking their best.

One hundred bins were also installed across the Our Town areas, helping local people to keep their town tidy.





ENJOY FREE WEEKEND PARKING

Visit www.wigan.gov.uk/carparking for details.

This offer applies to Wigan Council owned car parks. Further terms and conditions apply. Roadside parking not covered in this offer.



Wigan Council launches 'FAB' grants programme

Wigan Council's Future Apprentices for Business (FAB) grants programme was launched during National Apprenticeship Week.

Unveiled at the Believe in Business Festival, the flagship scheme is open to firms across the borough with grants of £3k or £5k available.

Apprenticeships help businesses to 'grow their own', develop skills for their future workforce, and at the same time create much-needed employment with training for younger people.

To access the grant funding, a business must have a location in Wigan Borough and have fewer than 250 employees.

They must also be setting up a new apprenticeship and recruiting someone aged 16 to 24 who lives in the borough.

To access this funding, businesses must pay at least National Minimum Wage for the apprentice's age. This is higher than the Apprentice Wage, ensuring that these vacancies are attractive to the best candidates.

There are two levels of grant available to local businesses; the £3k basic grant, and a £5k enhanced grant available to businesses that select their apprentice from the council's talent pool.

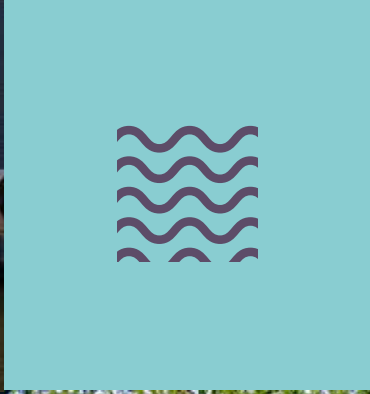
The talent pool is made up of a selection of apprentice-ready young people identified by our employment and skills programmes, including looked after children and care leavers, young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and those who are not in employment, education or training.

To find out more please visit:

[www.wigan.gov.uk/
FutureApprenticesForBusiness](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/FutureApprenticesForBusiness)



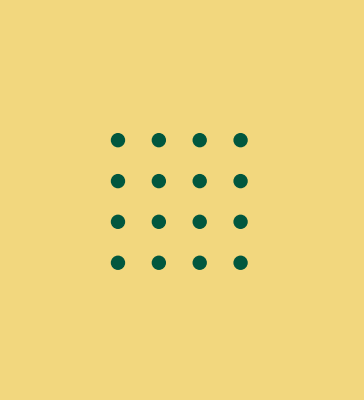
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Our website provides all the information you require regarding Business Rates, you can;

- Make a payment
- Check your Rateable Value (RV)
- Apply for any reliefs you feel you are entitled to
- Report any changes in relation to your business or premises, including if you are moving or taking a new premises on
- Ask us anything

There is also more information on;

- Business Rates in general
- The latest support we can offer to businesses and how to access it
- Rateable Values and how they are determined
- The Multiplier

- Transitional Arrangements for the revaluation
- Unoccupied Property Rating and Reliefs

Please visit

www.wigan.gov.uk/businessrates

The Valuation Office Agency, an executive agency of His Majesty's Revenue and Customs, is responsible for assigning a Rateable Value (RV) to every business premises in England. The RV assigned to your business premises is shown at the front of your bill. You can check it in more detail and how its been determined at www.gov.uk/voa/revaluation

See the back of your bill for more information.

For information about Wigan Council's income and expenditure please visit www.wigan.gov.uk/incomeandspending



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We may use information about you to help deliver other Wigan Council services and support to you, to perform our other statutory duties and to protect public funds. We may also share your information where the law requires us to, for example - in order to find and stop crime and fraud or where there is an overriding reason such as where we may have safeguarding concerns. We will make sure that we record what information we share and our reasons for doing so.

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Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation (IRRV)

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www.irrv.org.uk

Valuation Office Agency

03000 501 501

www.voa.gov.uk

Business Debtline

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www.businessdebtline.org



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